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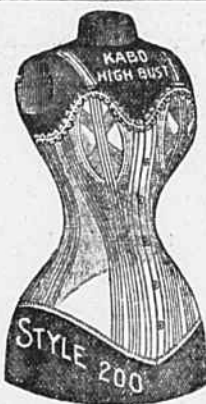
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A SERIES OF FIRES.

The Atlantic Tea Company Blaze
Followed by Several

IN HUNTER'S BIG SPICE FACTORY

Gas Explodes Three Times and Causes
Bad Results—A Blaze last Night in
the Wheeling Beef Company's Plant,
on the South Side—The Department
Kept Busy.

The city fire department, under Chief Healy's new administration, has been kept pretty busy. The fire in Henderson & McCann's store Saturday morning was not put out until nearly daylight, and by that time the members of the department almost all of them had a crust of ice frozen all over them. The work of gathering up the frozen hose was a hard job, as many sections were buried in the ice.

The large new building was pretty thoroughly gutted, and the stock practically ruined. The loss on building, machinery, fixtures and stock will aggregate about \$25,000, on which there was \$17,000 insurance, \$10,200 of this being on stock, fixtures and machinery, and the remainder on the building. The Jefferson is the only city company holding a policy, it being caught for \$1,000.

The firemen were called back to the place about 7:30 a. m., the flames having again broken out. Little additional damage was done.

Several of the members of the department had fingers frozen or suffered otherwise from the exposure, and Chief Healy, who was already under the weather, was a severe sufferer, but was out at other fires which followed.

SEVERAL GAS EXPLOSIONS

Occur in Hunter's Spice Factory—A Narrow Escape.

At an early hour Saturday morning the department was again called out by a fire in J. W. Hunter's spice factory and coffee roasting establishment, on Main street just south of the creek.

About 7 o'clock in the morning John Wherry, the engineer at the establishment, went down into the cellar with a torch to turn on the water, which had been shut off the night before, on account of the excessively cold weather. As soon as he entered the cellar there was an explosion of gas, which had accumulated in the cellar during the night, and Mr. Wherry was knocked down and his hair and beard burned, he making a very narrow escape. At the moment of the explosion John Bollinger, another employee of the establishment, was in the office on the first floor, engaged in starting a fire in the stove. The force of the explosion ripped the floor, out of shape, blow open the front doors and upset Mr. Bollinger and a bucket of coal he had in his hand. He escaped with slight bruises.

The explosion made considerable noise. The department arrived promptly and soon had the blaze out. Later in the day there were two similar explosions in the same building, but as the people were at work, less damage was done. The loss will probably reach \$500.

It is thought the snow and ice had covered a manhole on a gas escape so that the gas accumulated and seeped along the pipes into Hunter's cellar.

NEARLY A BAD FIRE.

The Wheeling Beef Company's Plant Suffers From Fire.

Last night at 6:30 o'clock an alarm called the fire department to the corner of Water and Twentieth streets, South Side, where what looked like a nasty blaze had a good start in the building occupied by the Wheeling Beef Company. The department got down to work in very quick time and soon had the blaze extinguished. The cause of the fire was a natural gas stove in the office on the ground floor, which became red-hot in the absence of the office

force. When discovered the frame work of the office was blazing furiously, and a very few minutes would have sufficed for a very dangerous fire that might have communicated to neighboring property.

A large crowd was attracted to the scene, the streets in the neighborhood being packed with people. Manager Rehm said last night that the loss would not amount to over \$100, fully insured.

LEWIS JONES DEAD.

An Old and Prominent Citizen Passed away Saturday.

Saturday morning Mr. Lewis Jones died at his home on the north end of the Island, aged nearly seventy years. He had been so ill for two months that his death was considered a mere matter of time. His demise, nevertheless, causes general regret.

Mr. Jones was a native of Wales, where he was born in 1824. He came to this country while young, and early made his home in Wheeling, where by far the greater portion of his long, useful and honorable life was spent. He early became identified with the iron industry of the upper Ohio valley, and rapidly acquired a thorough knowledge of almost every branch of the business. In practical matters, as well as in general business affairs, Mr. Jones' advice was widely sought and often followed; and here, in Pittsburgh and in Birmingham, Ala., where he was interested in mills for several years, he was esteemed an authority. For a series of years Mr. Jones was manager of the Etna mill, now a portion of the Etna-Standard, and when he severed his connection with that corporation he went to Birmingham, Ala., where he was a prime mover in the construction and operation of an extensive plant. He did not remain there long, however, but returned to Wheeling. He has since been a member of the real estate firm of Jones & Williams. He was very active in organizing the Island Ferry Company, and was its president. He had held several positions of trust, being once a member of council, and for quite a period a deputy sheriff and keeper of the county jail.

By his death the Masonic fraternity of Wheeling lost one of their oldest members, he having been made a Master Mason during the year 1859, in Ohio Lodge No. 1, and knighted in Wheeling Commandery No. 1 during the year 1864, and in consequence of his long connection with the Masonic fraternity and his desire to be buried by the commandery, it is hoped by the officers that every knight who possibly can will turn out to his funeral this afternoon.

SALT RHUMS with its intense itching, dry, hot skin is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it purifies the blood.

The Christmas cantata, as given by the Sunday schools of the First Baptist Church, Christmas night, will be repeated Tuesday evening, January 1. Come. Admission 10 cents.

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DIED.

JONES—At his residence, 90 North York street, on Saturday, December 23, 1894, at 8:45 o'clock a. m., LEWIS JONES, in his 70th year. Funeral from his late residence this (Monday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery. Friends invited. No flowers.

AGNEW—On Sunday, December 30, 1894, at 7:50 a. m., BERTHA M., wife of R. S. Agnew, in the 51st year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 3136 East street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

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